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Docket No.: 0010-1108-0 CONT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Yoko ASAKURA, et al.

: EXAMINER: RAMIREZ, D.M.

SERIAL NO.: 09/577,005

: GROUP, ART UNIT: 1652

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FOR: METHOD OF CONSTRUCTING AMINO ACID PRODUCING BACTERIAL STRAINS, AND METHOD OF PREPARING AMINO ACIDS BY FERMENTATION WITH THE CONSTRUCTED AMINO ACID PRODUCING BACTERIAL STRAINS

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Responsive to the Official Action of February 12, 2003, in the above-identified application, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Abstract begins on page 2 of this response.

Amendments to the Specification begins on page 3 of this response.

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 23 of this response.

Support for the Amendments begins on page 25 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 26 of this response.

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and Request for Reconsideration w/Substitute Abstract in the above-identified application.

☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.

☒ Additional documents filed herewith: Request for Extension of Time - Three Months/ Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 CFR 1.97/ Form PTO 1449/ Hungarian and International Search Reports/ Cited References (4)

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☒ If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time may be charged to Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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